

MINUTES
COUNCIL DISTRICT ADVISORY
TASK FORCE

Tuesday, February 4, 2003



Human Resources Pinnacle Room
7575 E. Main Street
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| Present: | Jeffrey Abts | William McCluskey |
| | Susan Bitter Smith | Michael Pickett |
| | James Derouin | Roberta Pilcher |
| | Suzanne Klapp | Wendy Riddell |
| | Barbara Klein | Donald Scott |
| | George Knowlton | Lida Stewart |
| | Wendy Lyons | James Wellington |

Councilmembers

Present: Mayor Mary Manross
Councilwoman Cynthia Lukas

Also Present:

Deputy City Attorney Donna Bronski
Government Relations Coordinator Peggy Carpenter
Deputy City Clerk Carolyn Jagger

WELCOME/OATH/INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Mary Manross and Councilwoman Cynthia Lukas welcomed the members of the Council District Advisory Task Force and thanked them for their service.

Deputy City Attorney and Staff Representative to the District Advisory Task Force Donna Bronski welcomed the group and reviewed the evening's agenda. Each member of the staff support team and the District Advisory Task Force introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their qualifications.

OPEN MEETING LAW

Donna Bronski provided a general overview of the Open Meeting Law. The membership was encouraged to read the information pamphlet included in the notebook if they were interested in obtaining more detailed information.

COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW OF MATERIALS

Donna Bronski reviewed the purpose of the committee, restating Council direction:

The Council has directed the Task Force to conduct a balanced and informed investigation of the council district structure of government. The investigation shall include: exploring various forms of the council district structure of government; examining other cities' experiences with the district system; gaining public input; determining possible impacts to Scottsdale; collecting relevant research; and considering the timing of a council district ballot measure.

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Questions were raised regarding the timing for placing a Council districting question on the ballot and how a district system is put into effect. Staff was asked to include election calendars; a history of other Arizona cities, particularly Tucson, Phoenix, and Mesa; and a history of cities of similar population (180,000 to 240,000).

The Task Force directed that, when possible, staff should submit materials in a chart or in a summarized format.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Several members encouraged the group to elect a chairperson who had the ability and time to do the job, would attend the meetings, and would ensure that the objectives were met.

Donna Bronski opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the Council District Advisory Task Force.

Suzanne Klapp nominated Susan Bitter Smith. Receiving no further nominations, Donna Bronski closed the nominations and called for a vote.

Susan Bitter Smith was unanimously elected Task Force Chair.

The chair opened the floor for nominations for vice-chair. Roberta Pilcher nominated James Derouin. The chair called for a motion to close the nominations and elect James Derouin vice chair. James Wellington so moved, which was seconded by Roberta Pilcher.

James Derouin was unanimously elected Task Force Vice-Chair.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The Task Force members indicated that, initially, weekly meetings, beginning at 6:00 p.m., might be in order. If no Council meeting is scheduled, the meetings will be held on Tuesday. On weeks when the Council is meeting on Tuesday, the meeting will be on Wednesday. Based on this schedule, the next meeting of the Task Force will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11. A proposed schedule will be presented to the group at the next meeting so that the group can make a final decision on future meeting dates. The chair also directed staff to look at the availability of a meeting room at or near City Hall.

DRAFT AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

In setting the agenda for the next meeting, the Task Force requested the following:

1. A chart of Arizona cities with a district form of government and their distinguishing characteristics.

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2. Maps showing what a 2, 3, and 6-district plan might look like.
3. Maps of Scottsdale showing demographics, future build-out projections, and Scottsdale voting precincts.
4. Voter information by precincts (districts) for the past few years: number of registered voters, number of votes cast, total population, and percentage of voters that voted.
5. Information on additional administrative costs of district elections and increased costs of council districts.
6. Invite Rick Naimark to address the task force at the first available opportunity.
7. Schedule a discussion of process issues on a future agenda, including how districts are formed.
8. Invite someone from Tucson to speak at a future meeting.
9. Schedule a discussion on the history of Scottsdale's districting discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

Task Force member James Wellington moved to adjourn. Task Force member Roberta Pilcher seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Council District Advisory Task Force held on the 4th day of February 2003.

I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

DATED this ____ day of February 2003.

CAROLYN JAGGER
Deputy City Clerk